

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



June 30, 1975

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-137

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

SUBJECT: CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION

REFERENCE:

All County Letter 75-122 contained information about the Department's plans for implementing the child support provisions of P.L. 93-647. Several events have occurred which necessitate a change in these plans.

Congress passed and sent to the President a bill which, when signed, will move up the effective date of P.L. 93-647 to August 1 rather than July 1, 1975. AB 2326, which is the implementing legislative proposal, was not heard by the Senate Finance Committee and will not be taken up again until early August.

The following is our implementation plan based on the assumptions that the injunction covering W&IC 11477 is lifted and that conforming state law will be passed in August:

- I. IV-A requirements of cooperation, assignment, social security numbers.
 - A. Regulations will be filed by the Department as soon as possible following the passage of the new state law.
 - B. The WR 2.1 (Absent Parent Questionnaire) is being revised and an assignment provision is being added as well as a cover sheet clearly identifying the new responsibilities of each applicant and recipient. The form will be finalized when regulations are filed and we will attempt to have copies of the form available for use beginning September 1.
 - C. A one-time stuffer notice explaining the new conditions of eligibility is planned for inclusion with the September Medi-Cal cards sent to recipients of AFDC.

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2. IV-D requirement of the bonus payment of 40% of the first \$50 of absent parent support.
 - A. The bonus can only be paid where there is a IV-D assignment in a case, thus the bonus can only be paid after the assignment provisions of the proposed legislation are implemented by the Medi-Cal stuffer notice and the revised WR 2.1.
 - B. The stuffer notice will activate an assignment by operation of law for those cases who received assistance prior to the effective date of the proposed legislation.
 - C. The WR 2.1 assignment will cover all new applicants and recipients at annual redetermination.
3. IV-D child support and paternity provisions.
 - A. Claiming for administrative costs during the month of July will be the same as for the prior quarter with 50% federal and 25% state matching funds available for claimable costs. The SEIF program will also continue unchanged.
 - B. From August 1 until the effective date of the proposed legislation, the administrative costs will be claimed in the same way as for the last quarter, however financial participation may not be available from the federal government. If federal participation is not available, the sharing will be 50% state and 50% county. Increased budget expenditures for implementation of the IV-D program during this period will not be permitted. Such increases should be delayed until federal financial participation is available. The SEIF program will continue as before.
 - C. From September 1 onward administrative expenses for the IV-D program will be claimed pursuant to plans of cooperation entered into directly with the Department at a rate of 75% federal and 25% county and incentive payments on collections paid through county agencies will increase to 33.75% for one year and 27.75% thereafter.

Counties are urged not to begin actual implementation of the new support and paternity determination program until final instructions are sent. In no case should any of the IV-A conditions of eligibility or bonus payments be implemented prior to September 1, 1975.

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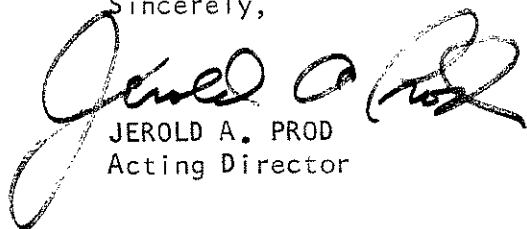
Questions on this implementation schedule should be addressed as follows:

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Sincerely,



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